



Dear Families,

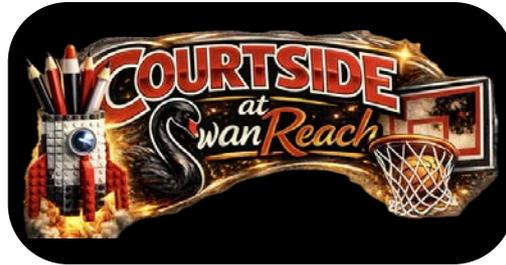
It has been another great week here at Swan Reach Primary School, and it has been a pleasure to see the positive energy around the school as students continue to settle into their routines and learning for the year.

The highlight of my week so far has been moving around the classrooms and seeing all the wonderful work that students are undertaking. In Maths, students have been working diligently on their understanding of place value, showing wonderful understanding and growing confidence as they discuss their learning. It has also been wonderful to read some of the narrative writing pieces that students have worked on. It's great to see so many wonderful ideas, characters, and storylines that were created! In F/1, it has been wonderful to hear students working on their phonics, with many students showing clear progress in their learning. It is always wonderful to see learning come alive across all year levels.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate our six students who competed in the District Swimming Championships in Orbost. Our students swam amazingly, and we are all extremely proud of their effort, sportsmanship, and confidence that they showed on the day. A big thank you to all the students, especially those who had a go at the tricky butterfly stroke, which resulted in them coming away with a ribbon to take home! I would also like to say a huge thank you to Jess Erickson for organising the whole thing, and to the parents for taking them along on the day. Well done to all involved.

Moving forward, our Cross Country event date has now been set for the 20th of March at the Buchan Caves Reserve. This is one of the events that I look forward to each year, as I think it is a beautiful venue, and I am always amazed by the determination and encouragement that our students show during the event. Some of our classes have already started training for the big event, which is great to see!

I am looking forward to a fantastic second half of Term 1, which will be a busy time, with NAPLAN just around the corner, along with many other exciting activities that are to come.



*Travis Jorgensen*  
Acting Principal

## TERM 1 2026

*Diary Dates to Remember*

### February

Peer Connect Group - 23rd  
Care & Go Round - 24th  
No Preps - 25th

### March

Peer Connect Group - 2nd  
Care & Go Round - 3rd  
Mobile Library Bus - 5th  
Public Holiday - 9th  
Care & Go Round - 10th  
Peer Connect Group - 16th  
Peer Connect Group - 23rd

### April

Last day of Term - 2nd  
Good Friday Public Holiday - 3rd



## SWAN REACH PRIMARY SCHOOL PHOTOS 2026

Photo date Feb 9th & 10th 2026



Please note: orders close 13th February

Above is a QR code for families who may not have had a chance yet to purchase school photos. There will also be a catch up day for students who may have been absent on the day.

## School Council Elections

Nominations are now open for School Council 2026. Please check uEducateUs for a separate notice with more information.

### Vacancies

- 1 Parent Representative position
- 2 Department Representative positions

Nominations close 4:00 pm, Friday 20 February

Nomination forms available from the front office or via uEducateUs.

You are able to nominate yourself for a position on council.

Please contact Travis Jorgenson (Acting Principal) or Heather Wilkins (SC President) if you have any questions.

## Things to Remember



Term 1 is a Hat Term, please remember to pack your hat. If a student doesn't have a school hat, they will be required to play under the covered part of the basketball court. Hats can be purchased at Nicks in Bairnsdale. **PLEASE NAME YOUR HATS CLEARLY.**



We have a number of school uniforms in the front office that are all free to a good home. Come take a look.



**School Assembly will be held at the start of every week Monday at 9am**



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## SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS

Account Name: Swan Reach Primary School Council  
National Australia Bank :BSB 083-001 ACC No 241 565 854  
Please include surname & description of payment



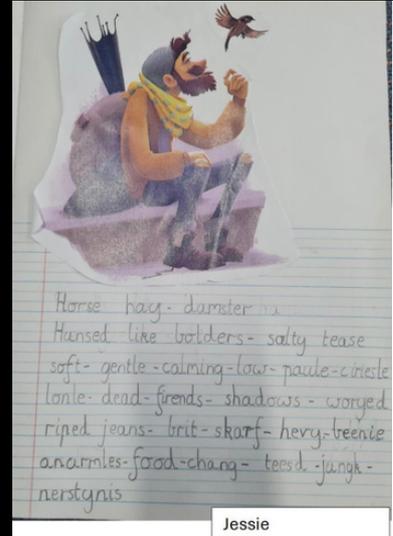
## This Week from the 2/3 Room Featuring Miss Zenberg's & Nikki

We have made a great start to the year, thinking about and practising our "Classroom Expectations". These values have been created by the students to help us have a successful school year.

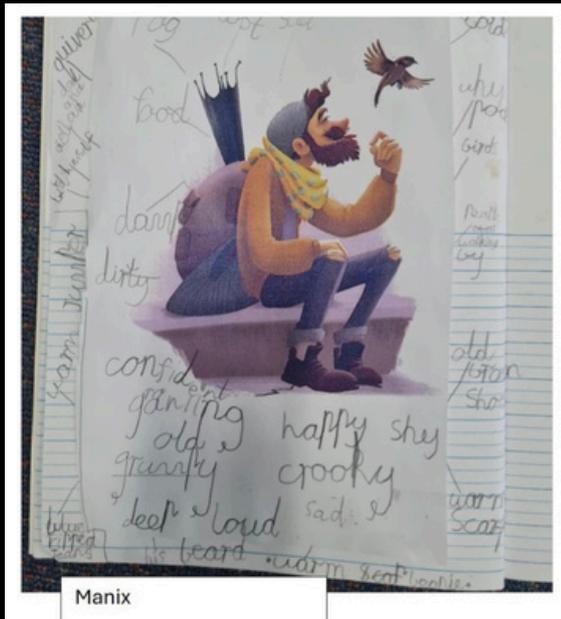
The topics are tidy classroom, fun classroom, calm classroom, safe classroom and hard-working classroom.

This term in English we are learning more about Narratives. We

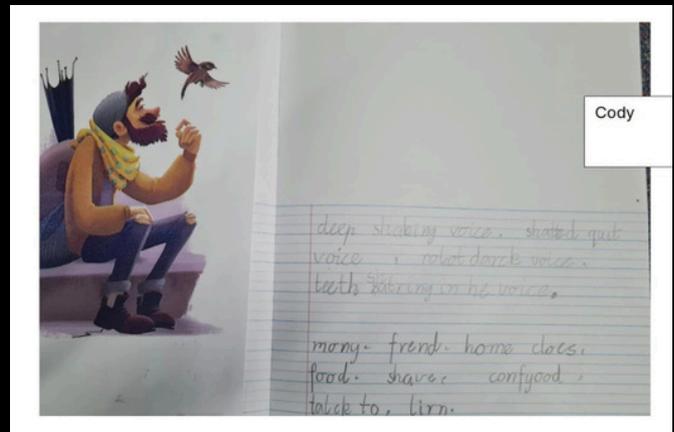
have explored the beautiful mentor text "Crumbs" by Phil Cummings which has enabled us to look at interesting language and characters. Using a picture of "the man with the prickly-bush whiskers", students planned character development under headings such as; thoughts, clothing, likes & dislikes, feelings and smells.



Jessie



Manix



Cody

Reading at home is still actively encouraged and every Tuesday our grade will visit the library to change home levelled reading books and select a free choice library book. This year we will not be completing at home reading logs but instead asking students to share with their peers a few details about texts they have been reading. We thank you for your continued support in promoting, celebrating and modelling reading skills at home.

From Miss Zenberg's and Nikki



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

Forms are  
available from the  
front office.





## Student of the Week Awards



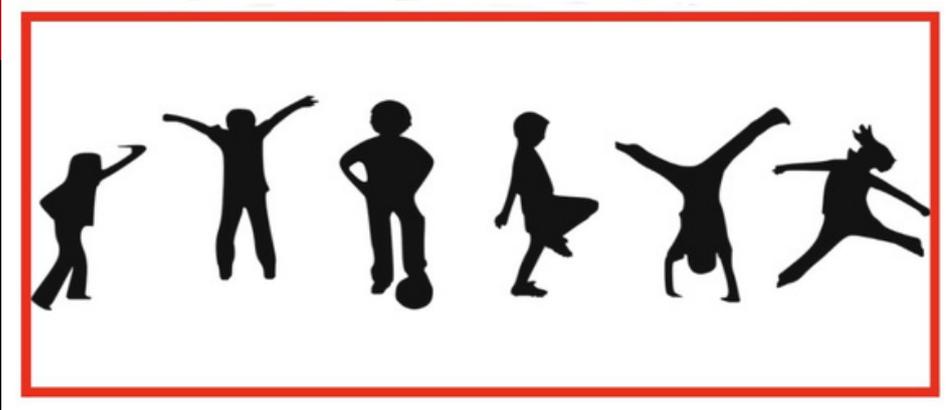
Jett received his award today for the amazing start he has made in prep. Harry & Athera who both demonstrated a clear and thoughtful understanding of point of view and explaining your answers. Jai who is reading with great expression when reading out loud.

Today our new preps were presented with their special prep bags, which contains lots of new books, information about starting school.





# This Week from the Basketball Court



Featuring  
Mrs  
Erickson

Hi, for those who are new, I am Mrs Erickson. As some of our existing families have already noted and discussed with me, I have made a change from classroom to some different roles this year. So why PE? Before becoming a teacher, even before my Human Movement studies, I coached and played various sports. After university, I worked at Monash Sport (Monash University), mainly with clients in the gym but also with sporting teams. I then moved away from the city and worked with a company called Bluearth, who delivered a movement-based program in schools, with 6 different focus areas: coordination and agility; core movements; dynamic movement; movement challenges and games; moving in the environment; and skill activities. Throughout my classroom teaching years, I always tried to incorporate small activities from these fundamental areas, but now that I am back in a PE role, I am excited to make them a main focus once again!

Having recently read this statement published on The PE HUB (UK)... "Physical Education is not sport or physical activity. That is to say, PE should develop a web of fundamental skills beyond just the physical." I started to think about why I enjoy teaching PE. Yes, it is the physical component, but it is also the changes in thoughts and behaviours that make teaching PE rewarding. It's the challenges students set for themselves, work towards and reach. It's the teamwork and comradery it creates amongst students whilst working in different groups. It's the connections and considerations students make between their lifestyle and their daily energy levels. It's also seeing student's surprise when they do something they never thought they could do!

So yes, I am excited. It feels like a new venture, but almost like I'm returning to my grass roots too! I hope your children enjoy our PE session as much as I will!



## This Week from the Basketball Court

Featuring Mrs Erickson



Grade P/1 – Look how far they came! From the start of the lesson learning how and where to hold their sticks, to the end of the session playing a ‘stealing’ game!

Grade 6 – Theo helping call out the game cues before everyone had a go at playing rob the nest.



Grade 3/4 – learning how to stay in control whilst ‘turning’ around before trying to tackle another player to knock out their ball.



Grade 2/3 - practicing their dribbling and learning the skills to stop whilst playing the traffic light game.



Grade 5 – warming up with a game of scarecrow tiggy got everyone moving and coach Cleo giving everyone clear instructions of safety measures.

## Hockey Clinic

Coaches from Hockey Victoria and Swan Reach Hockey Club visited us last week, providing an hour clinic lesson for each grade. Students practiced control through various games, focusing on how to dribble and stop the ball on cue along with stealing the ball from an opponent.

Students enjoyed the day and some have since attended the Hookin2Hockey sessions at the Swan Reach Hockey Club grounds in Bairnsdale.



# This Week in Around the Playground





# COME AND PLAY

We invite all families with three and four year old kinder children to come along to our come and play session on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2:30-3:30PM.



- FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026
- TIME: 2:30-3:30
- WHERE: PREP/ONE CLASSROOM

SWAN REACH PRIMARY SCHOOL WARMLY INVITES ALL 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD KINDER STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO A COME AND PLAY SESSION. JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF FUN FILLED ACTIVITIES IN THE PREP/ONE CLASSROOM.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO:

- MEET THE PREP/ONE TEACHER
- EXPLORE THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- ENGAGE IN INTERACTIVE PLAY
- MEET SOME CURRENT PREP STUDENTS
- CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES



WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND YOUR CHILD FOR A FUN AND RELAXED INTRODUCTION TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. NO RSVP REQUIRED- JUST COME ALONG!

**RESPECT & EMPATHY  
FOR ALL**

21 School Road, Swan Reach  
[swan.reach.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:swan.reach.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  
03 5156 4287



## This Weeks Community News



**14<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
 Open 9am to 4pm at the  
 Great Lakes Air Field Colquhoun Rd  
 Lakes Entrance

**Entry \$5 - Per Person or \$10 Per Vehicle**  
**TRUCKS CONVOY FROM TRARALGON & ORBOST TO LAKES ENTRANCE**  
 Trucks Expected to arrive at 11am  
 Truck Entry Is Free

**CONVOY START TIME TRARALGON 7:30AM & - ORBOST 9AM**  
 All Trucks Welcome - Show 'N' Shine - Charity Auction  
 Food Trucks - Merchandise Stalls - Family Fun Day - Truck'n With Tim  
**ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO CAMP QUALITY & ANGEL FLIGHT**  
 This Event Is Alcohol Free.

CONTACT DETAILS/ Chelsea: 0455 531 991 Chris: 0418 804 508  
 Email: egconvoyforkids@gmail.com / Facebook East Gippsland Convoy For Kids



**FEBRUARY**  
*Happy Birthday*

Charlotte.D	Brodie
Summer.C	Harry
Penny.M	Emma
Lexi	Chelsea
Indi.G	Ethan
Eddie	



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Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety  
 being held at:  
**Lakes Entrance Aquadome**  
 43 Palmers Road, LAKES ENTRANCE, VIC 3909  
 Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 February 2026  
 8.30am to 5.00pm  
 1300 885 666 www.austswim.com.au





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**LAKES ENTRANCE**





# This Weeks Community News

## Hooked on Lakes Entrance



This year the VFA are excited to announce that Battle of the Bands & Battle of the Buskers will be taking over the Hooked on Lakes 2026 Stage for an amazing afternoon of live music and emerging talent from 2pm-6pm.

The VFA hope you are keen to support the competition by passing on the below details to a band or artist you know would love the opportunity to perform!

### The Details:

- Emerging regional artists (all ages) have the chance to perform to a crowd and the opportunity to win prizes, including PA systems worth \$2000
  - Set times are available for 12 band entrants and 10 busker entrants, so spots are limited!
  - Band and Busker voting is from the public so make sure you rally all your friends and family to pop down to cheer you on and vote for you - the band and busker with the most votes will win.
  - Proudly supported by Fitzpatrick's Entertainment - Lakes Entrance
- Entries close Friday 28 February 2026, and spots are limited so if you think you've got what it takes, apply now by emailing [Belinda.yim@vfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:Belinda.yim@vfa.vic.gov.au) and we'll be in touch with further details.